221 Wash^n St. Boston
Nov. 17. 1865.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

The Massachusetts Antislavery Society requires the sum of Five Hundred dollars, to carry it, free of debt, to the Annual Meeting. It is sufficient to name this fact to you, and to say, - what you doubtless recollect, - that the Managers of the Society instructed me to apply to its Members & friends for such contributions, as they please to make towards this necessary sum. To carry the Society honorably, to the period above named will, doubtless, be the limit of our duty to it, in existing circumstances. If you think proper, in this emergency, to send a contribution, it will of course be duly acknowledged and regarded as one among numberless acts of devoted & indispensable support of the good cause which the Mass. Society has so long & steadfastly upheld.

With very true respect
Yours
Sam^l May Jr.

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P.S. I would add (Nov. 18.) that it is not designed to have One dollar remain in the treasury after the Annual Meeting. The $500. needed are for the following uses:

1. To pay our Treas^{r}, Mr. Draper, for money advanced } 200. —

2. To pay Mr. Wallcut's Salary, Sept. 1st to Feb. 1st (a part of which is even now in arrears, to his great inconvenience) } 260. 40

460. —

So that, of the $500. proposed, & voted by Board, to be raised, ~~only~~ nearly the whole is for Mr. Wallcut's Salary (for Draper's advance was for that purpose) — Rent is otherwise provided for. — No other salaries. The $40. balance will be mostly needed for Gas light, & office expenses.

S. May Jr.

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